

MY WATER STAINS FIXTURES BLACK

LIKELY PROBLEM	HEALTH CONCERN?	OTHER CLUES & CONSIDERATIONS	CONFIRM IT	POSSIBLE FIXES	LICENSE REQUIRED FOR FIX?	STATE FUNDS?	MORE INFO
Manganese or Manganese and Iron See Iron in Drinking Water brochure.	Possibly, if levels are very high. Manganese is a necessary mineral for good health and there is not a primary drinking water standard for manganese. There is however, a nuisance standard for manganese. Also, EPA has issued a health advisory for manganese . See the Department of Health Fact Sheets .	Do you have black specks in your water? When you rub the specks between your fingers, does it leave a black powder? Do you have dark stains on plumbing fixtures?	Test your water for manganese and iron. Contact a laboratory certified by DNR to test for manganese and iron .	Install a Dept. of Commerce approved water treatment device. Devices are listed under contaminants they will remove.	Yes, treatment devices must be installed by licensed plumbers; or in some cases may be installed by the owner/occupant of a single family private residence. See plumbing license laws . Be sure the treatment device chosen is capable of removing the amount of manganese and iron you have in your water.	No	University of Wisconsin Extension National Ground Water Association Water Systems Council National Sanitation Foundation